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No Regular Meeting in February!!! **Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 20!!!** **Advance Reservations Required**

Please remember that there is no regularly scheduled chapter meeting on the second Thursday at the **Petite Auberge Restaurant** in February. In February, we conduct our annual meeting and awards banquet on a Saturday to celebrate **George Washington's Birthday** and to install new officers. This year we meet on Saturday, February 20, at the **Cherokee Town & Country Club** (at **11:00 rather than noon!**) as outlined in more detail in this newsletter.

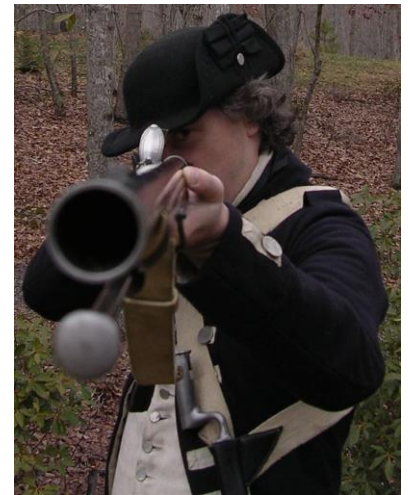
Community Outreach

Atlanta Donation Develops New Findings at Kettle Creek Battlefield

Compatriot **David Noble** sends this report from Washington, Georgia:

Great news after a 12-hour day on January 25! The \$3,000 grants from the Atlanta Chapter provided the following exciting preliminary results.

1. The ground penetrating radar (GPR) found anomalies at the sites the cadaver dogs marked on War Hill and the six sites marked along the Kelly creek. In addition it found another grave along Kelly creek. Probing with a 4 foot probe could not differentiate between the graves and surrounding soil. The graves were all about the same depth and size. This was unusual for its consistency.
2. In the afternoon we used the GPR at the Old Liberty Church graveyard where the cadaver dog had marked the site. The soil was very different there and the GPR showed a different pattern (caused by ground water and different subsoil). With probing we delineated a grave 2 ft by 5ft 2 inches. I cannot tell you how exciting this was to prove the cadaver dogs, the GPR, and the ground probing showed the exact spot of the grave.
3. The survey of the second possible cemetery site near the Church found one grave that was about 3 feet uphill from where the cadaver dogs had marked two possible sites (ground water flows downhill



with the scent). We were amazed we covered all the cadaver dogs' markings in one day.

4. All the graves are now marked with white crosses so it is very moving as you walk around the circle trail around War Hill or the trail up to Old Liberty Church. Our members can be proud that their donation proved the potential graves do exist.
5. Dr. Bigman will have a report on Thursday morning about the GPR study. It may be the preliminary report or even the final report and you will receive a copy of the final report.
6. At 2 PM Joe Harris came and announced that the Clerk of City of Washington had downloaded the application for the the Department of Natural Resources Grant (\$13,000) for cemetery preservation. This must be postmarked by February 1st so we now know that the GPR report will be included with the application. This is why we needed to act so fast making the donation from the Atlanta Chapter.
7. After our last meeting Ed Conley called to inform me he was a member of the Civil War Preservation Trust and they had recently started to fund purchases of Revolutionary War Battle sites under a program called 1776. I have downloaded all the Forms for the application and the GPR study sponsored by our Chapter will be included and will be very helpful. Kettle Creek Battlefield Association has raised \$91,000 for purchasing 150 acres from Plum Creek Timber company and this grant hopefully will be a matching amount so the sale can go through. Many complications since Plum Creek is merging with Weyehouser Corp this year.
8. Since the GPR has proven there are graves present, Walker Chewing is working with C.A.R. to raise \$1,000 for having the cadaver dogs come for one day. We are working on having this televised as a news story. I think this will be great for Kettle Creek, C.A.R., and the teaching about the Revolutionary War in Georgia.
9. Dr. Dan Bigman will be publishing articles in Archaeology Journals about using the cadaver dogs and GPR to locate Revolutionary War Graves.
10. With the help of Georgia State University we will try to have a graduate student dig some of the graves in the near future.

Sorry for such a long email but I wanted the Chapter to know how much good their grant has done already.

Dave

Chapter Receives Flag Collection Upgrade

Color Guard Commander Jim Hankins anticipates moving early this year from the Atlanta area. He has been an active, involved member in so many ways that we will be very sorry to lose him. Even as he planned to give up his positions of **Treasurer** and **Color Guard Commander**, he was thinking of the chapter, and has made the generous donation of a new American Flag and replaced the four flag poles of the chapter's flag display with new ones in a striking speared tip design. He has made the donation in honor of the chapter's past **State Color Guard Commanders Revis Butler** (a longtime member of the Atlanta Chapter recently relocated to Northeast Georgia) and **Terry Manning** with both of whom Jim began his own **Color Guard** activity.



Coweta Falls Chapter Seeks Funds

The **Coweta Falls Chapter SAR** in Columbus, Georgia, seeks to achieve the goals of **SAR** in their community in visible ways. With the construction of the **National Infantry Museum** there, they have been involved in making recommendations and creating displays at the museum to highlight the Revolutionary War. Most recently they have sought to raise funds as described in the following request:

The Coweta Falls Chapter is sponsoring a construction project at the Revolutionary War Infantryman Monument at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center in Columbus. The monument itself was given to the new Museum by the SAR in 2009, as you know. We are soliciting for financial assistance for two more designer benches, lettering, and landscaping. Over half of needed funds have been raised. As usual, any excess is kept in a separate monument fund, useful for contingencies.

\$6,020 has been donated or pledged to date. \$4,380 more is needed and will be payable soon to a Georgia granite company for the balance of the benches, installation, and lettering.

We are asking the Atlanta chapter for support for this project. For your information, a \$2,000 donation would finance virtually half the cost of one of the new benches of black and gray Georgia granite in designer mode.

We feel the urge to continue improvements on the monument and its testimony to the sacrifices in the American Revolution by the First Infantrymen, as is emphasized in carvings on the monument's GA granite.

Due to its excellent location at the end of the Museum's Heritage Walk of Flags, the Revolutionary War Monument is also a focal point for the memorials to the Vietnam War (replica of wall) and the future one to the Global War on Terrorism. They are to the left and right of the Heritage Walk and ours is at the end of it.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you may offer. The Treasurer's address is Coweta Falls Chapter SAR, Wayne Cartledge, Treasurer, P.O. Box 685, Columbus, GA 31902.

I have responded to the chapter that we will discuss the request at our next meeting and in our newsletter. While our recent sponsorship of a donation to Kettle Creek Battlefield Association has cut into our resources, individual members may have an interest in making donations toward the project. The SAR display there is quite impressive already, so this effort to complete the benchworks where visitors can stop to admire the display and contemplate on our founding heroes is a worthy project. My personal check to support them is in the mail!

It's rewarding to know that both the DAR and SAR chapters have looked to **Atlanta Chapter** to co-sponsor so many activities in our communities in recent years. In the past year we have addressed assisting other chapters to create Traveling Trunks, responded to other communities for speakers, provided speedy assistance with minimal red tape to membership applicants outside our area, taken on major "annual projects" that positively highlight SAR, and helped fund monuments in other communities. We are presently working on a major new publication on Georgia's soldiers and on indexing the state's online **Source Book** of policies and procedures to follow in almost every type of SAR program. The **Source Book** has a table of contents, but the extensive amount of material in this resource makes the need for an index an important project to tackle.

Terry Manning Completes Fourth Year as President

It's been a while since an Atlanta Chapter member has been crazy enough to agree to serve at least four consecutive years as the chapter's President! **Compatriot McWhorter Milner** last did it from 1944 to 1949. I would have been 1 year old at the end of his term. Yikes! **Compatriot William M. Francis** served the longest consecutive term of 1923 to 1930 during the period when there were no chapters, only the state society. Don't take me wrong. I don't mean "crazy" in a bad sense. Quite the opposite. I mean "crazy having fun." For indeed, serving as the chapter's President has been an exciting, meaningful personal experience.

What I have always loved about the SAR is that there are always dozens of ways of expressing one's self and being involved in activities that suit your own interests while pursuing the goals of the organization. With 32-plus patriot ancestors and a fascination with genealogy, I have over the years become an avid student of the American Revolution. In conjunction with the fun I have re-enacting historic characters, first as a member of the state's Color Guard, and now as a member of the Speaker's Bureau, I have also always enjoyed the administrative challenges of working in positions and on committees at the state level that needed reorganization.

Combining these interests with an "A" type personality that won't let me sit still very long at a time, I have typically attended about 120 SAR related events in a year's time (many of them associated with liaison with other lineage societies such as the DAR). Being retired and having no children, no pets, no relatives in the area, and an understanding wife, has allowed me to be so crazily active in the community. So, thank you Atlanta Chapter for serving as a catalyst for my wide range of patriotic, historic, and educational interests. I hope most of these have served as a benefit to the chapter during my tenure as President.

Another part of my personal approach to life is to keep things interesting and to move on to new adventures. I hope to continue service to the Atlanta Chapter in new ways in 2016 and see this as an opportunity to become involved with perhaps a different set of members in the chapter in addition to the ones I have grown to admire already. I will continue an active lecturing agenda with many new characters added in 2016.

Over the last year I have spent nearly 1,000 hours typing up a 900-page family history for my wife while extending her research and learning many new electronic genealogy research skills. I look forward in 2016 to wrapping up most of that research and placing a few copies of it in appropriate genealogy repositories. Then I hope to wrap up my own 1200-page history and get it placed where it can help others. See you at the library!

Incoming **Chapter President Al Adams** and his **Board of Managers** will have their own fun approach to serving the chapter which I look forward to experiencing. Let's all wish them as much fun as I have had with my officers over the last 4 years. I hope many of our members will explore existing as well as new ways of expressing your own interests in service to SAR under the banner of **Atlanta Chapter SAR**.



Eagle Committee Wraps Up 2015 with Scholarship Award

The Eagle committee had a successful 2015, recognizing 13 young men for their earning the rank of Eagle Scout, and attending the **Court of Honor** for **Eagle Scout Barri Washington** in January. Additionally, the Chapter recognized **Casey Edward Mayer** as the winner of the annual Eagle competition with a check for \$100, the **Chapter Eagle Medal**, a certificate and a special SAR/BSA patch. The competition is based upon the entrants' scouting achievements, preparation of a four generation family genealogical chart, and a patriotic themed essay. Mr. Mayer's essay, entitled "The Real Patriot", can be read below.



The Eagle committee seeks to recognize young men in our community that have reached the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest honor. This recognition is in the form of a letter of commendation and a certificate of achievement. If you know of any Eagle Scouts that have not been recognized by the SAR, you are encouraged to contact our **Eagle Committee Chairman, Richard Marsh** (rpmars1@att.net or 770-492-1072) so that they may be recognized. Recognition is not limited to only recent or soon to be Eagles and is available to those that earned the rank in the past as long as they are still active scouts and have not reached their 19th birthday.

The Real Patriot

by Casey Mayer

"The epic war film released in 2000 directed by Roland Emmerich, written by Robert Rodat, and starring Mel Gibson and Heath Ledger, *The Patriot*, should have been based on my ancestor, James Otis Jr. For that's the title that history remembers him by. Without him, the coined famous, words "No taxation without representation" or "Taxation without representation is tyranny" would not exist. Founding father, and second president of the United States John Adams said this of Otis, "I have been young and now I am old, and I solemnly say I have never known a man whose love of country was more ardent or sincere, never one who suffered so much, never one whose service for any ten years of his life were so important and essential to the cause of his country as those of Mr. Otis from 1760 to 1770."

A nationally recognized statesman, pamphleteer, and orator, James Otis Jr. was one of the first advocates to the political views that dove America into the American Revolution. Born February 5th, 1725 in Barnstable, Massachusetts, he was a colonial lawyer as was his father, James Otis Sr. He was a talented lawyer as well as writer and speaker and graduated from Harvard University in 1743 at age seventeen. In 1760 he received a prestigious appointment as Advocate General of the Admiralty Court, though resigned when expected to argue in favor of the writs of assistance and instead represented pro bono the colonial merchants who were challenging the legality of the writs before the Superior Court. In February 1761, he argued so brilliantly against the writs of assistance in an oration that stretched nearly five hours before a packed audience in the Old State House. "The child independence was then and there born, [for] every man of an immense crowded audience appeared to me to go away as I did, ready to take arms against writs of assistance." John Adams later remarked.

Perhaps James Otis Jr. may have not been fit for Mel Gibson playing him. In truth, he did not identify himself as a revolutionary. His peers, too, generally thought of him as more cautious than the incendiary Samuel Adams. Although don't be fooled! He would also exceed Adams in igniting passions and encouraging people to action. On September 12, 1768, at a town meeting Otis was said to have called his compatriots to arms.

Otis founded the politically based rural Popular Party, he made effective alliances with Boston merchants so that he instantly became a patriot star after the "Writs of assistance" oration. Otis wrote several important patriotic pamphlets, served in the Massachusetts legislature and was a leader of the Stamp Act Congress. He also befriended Thomas Paine, the author of *Common Sense*. A true advocate for liberty, Otis even went ahead of his time, distinguished from many other founding fathers in that he favored extending the basic human rights for African-Americans."

Atlanta Chapter To Honor Hornet's Nest Patriots

A Short History of the Kettle Creek Celebrations

For as long as your editor can recall, over the last 10 years anyway, there has been an annual effort by SAR members in Georgia to celebrate the **Battle of Kettle Creek** which occurred February 14, 1779, near the town of Washington, Georgia, in Wilkes County, and which is often considered one of the turning points of the war in the South (since we won this one). Initially, a few members of the **State Color Guard** would muster on a Saturday afternoon near the date of February 14 to hold a wreath ceremony. In a short time, other activity started being added to the event, such as proclamations from the **Mayor**, a parade around the town square, tours of the local museums and battlefield, re-enactments at stations in the square of such characters as **Benjamin Franklin, Elijah Clarke, and George Washington**, and school and library programs. More recently, a re-enactment near the square of the battle has been added, colonial character puppet shows have been staged, and fund raising banquets on either Friday or Saturday nights have been initiated. These were mostly Saturday events, but a Friday night social hour hosted by the **Georgia Society SAR President** was done for several years, with a banquet added, which later was recently turned over as a fund raising banquet to the **Kettle Creek Battlefield Association**.

The events in Washington have subsequently come to be called **Revolutionary Days** by the town administrators as they evidenced the financial and social benefits of such activities to the community. A new **Washington-Wilkes Chapter** of the SAR came into being. This activity has also spurred local interest in greater promotion and study of the battle itself and in creation of the **Kettle Creek Battlefield Association** to pursue such study and to enlarge the park into several hundred acres if funding develops, but to at least improve the grounds and extend the acreage somewhat of the existing **Kettle Creek Battlefield Monument** area (a monument and small land area created originally by the **DAR**).

As more people came to attend annually, some opted to spend the night at one of the area bed and breakfast inns, and Sunday events were added to the schedule. A colonial style church service at rotating churches in successive years in the area was added to the programming. Nearby Lincolnton was the site of where two hero leaders of the battle, **Elijah Clarke** and **John Dooly**, are buried and where the **Elijah Clark State Park** is located. So an additional wreath ceremony on Sunday was added there to the schedule to follow the colonial services in Washington. The park ceremony was in honor of these two leaders in general and the **Heroes of the Hornet's Nest** in particular. The Hornet's Nest refers to a term applied by the British to the pesky back woodsmen who regularly made stinging attacks against the British. So this event honors not only the patriots of Kettle Creek but those of all the regional battles.

In recent years, the Hornet's Nest program at the park has also continued to grow with militia units from the Carolina societies joining those of the Georgia Society and with the local **Friends of the Elijah Clark Park** and **Lincoln County Historical Society** co-sponsoring such activity as desserts, hot drinks, chili dishes, tours of the park's museum cabin, and re-enactments of characters **Elijah** and **Hannah Clarke**. In 2015, the event in Lincolnton saw 85 wreaths presented from such groups as chapters of the **SAR, DAR, C.A.R., Colonial Dames, American Legion**, etc.

As **GASSAR State President** in 2010, I had the excitement of serving during the February in which the area received a snowfall of several inches. What fun! It was also interesting while serving as **State Chaplin** to conduct a colonial style sermon in two different years. Announcing the wreath presentations in Lincolnton on several occasions has also been a great honor for me.

Atlanta Chapter SAR President Involvement

In light of all of this growing SAR and community activity, it then seemed quite odd that following the Hornet's Nest program in February of 2015, that **State President Tom Owens** announced that the Hornet's Nest ceremony was cancelled for 2016. A flutter of accusations and counter-accusations flew within the State Society as to why this seemingly strange opposition to recognizing the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest had taken place. We won't even try to explain the in-fighting that followed, except to say that eventually several leading,

well-placed members of the Georgia Society upset over the cancellation came to me for input on the situation. As a longtime past, state Executive Committee member, President of the state's largest chapter, author of many of the state's bylaws, and a retired analyst, I often get consulted on such SAR issues. I was already aware of other in-fighting that had been going on in that part of the state that some refer to as an ongoing feud. Now it seemed like open warfare had erupted.

It seemed most beneficial, to avoid further friction and strife within the society and to avoid bad press within the community regarding SAR, to simply have those that wished to continue recognition of **Elijah Clarke** and the **Heroes of the Hornet's Nest** to plan an event of their own without state involvement and to meet with park managers and interested community and SAR members from the Lincolnton area to discuss their options. I was invited to attend. That meeting revealed a real interest by the community groups to continue such a celebration and a genuine commitment from the new park manager and the community groups to grow the activities if the SAR contingent could agree to hold activities on other than Sunday. Another time of the year was considered, but the SAR and DAR crowds already usually in the area for the weekend events made it compelling to continue activities on the usual weekend. Since Friday mornings and afternoons were considered dead time in the Kettle Creek schedule at Washington with only poorly attended site tours and library presentations, moving the Lincolnton events to Friday seemed reasonable and should not have impacted any activity in Washington. At any rate, the effort was to develop local interest from Lincolnton, not necessarily from SAR.

Thus plans were made to move the date and enhance the programming to see if this would work for the future in their community. The group also pledged to support the Washington activities such as their banquet on Friday night and their Saturday schedule. As such, more programs were planned for morning presentations in Lincolnton starting at 10:00 a.m. Additionally, a free chili lunch and dessert buffet would be provided, sponsors would pay the entrance fee to the park for any community visitors (\$5 per car), the park would offer discounted cabin rentals, and the wreath ceremony would be early enough to allow participants to return to Washington for Friday evening activity. Color Guard participation was confirmed, more local sponsors including the Chamber of Commerce were added, and national, state, and chapter SAR members committed to attend. Regretfully, any publicity for Lincolnton events was dropped from the State Society's correspondence of the weekend's events. While this was not unexpected, it did become surprising that there was effort on the other side to specifically sabotage promotion of Lincolnton events.

Very recently, the newly elected **State Senior Vice President, Wayne Brown**, had agreed to bring greetings from the State Society at the Lincolnton wreath ceremony at the suggestion of the new State President, but was subsequently ordered by the new **State President Al Greenly** to withdraw his participation. So, who knows how that came about, but **President Greenly** has indicated in my recent query to him regarding that issue that he will ask the **Historic Site Committee** to reconsider its support of the Lincolnton activities for 2017.

Join Us in Lincolnton

That is the story of your President involving **Atlanta Chapter** as a sponsor of the Lincolnton **Heroes of the Hornet's Nest** and **Elijah Clark Day** (as the Park calls it). So events will be going on during the day on that Friday (see enclosed flyer) and will move indoors if weather is bad. Our SAR chapters with the DAR are responsible for giving a program at 10:30 on clothing worn at the time of the Revolution. **William Few Chapter SAR** will host musket firing demonstrations at 10:00 and 11:00. The **Elijah Clark Cabin** will be open from 10 all day. The chili lunch and dessert buffet is free. The **Elijah Clarke Chapter NSDAR** will be celebrating its 115th anniversary during the day with a cake cutting. A variety of militia attire by the **Elijah Clark Militia Unit** will add to the festivities.

On Saturday, morning events in Washington will center around the square with a parade, re-enactors, and a battle re-enactment while the afternoon will center around the **Kettle Creek Monument** wreath ceremony outside of town at **War Hill** where you can see some of the recent upgrades to the property by **Wilkes County** and with funding of the **Kettle Creek Battlefield Association**.

Atlanta Officers for 2016



Chapter officers to serve February 20, 2016, to February 18 or 25, 2017, are as follows:

President	Al Adams	saratlsec@aol.com
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Chancellor	Ed Floyd	floyd7@bellsouth.net
Chaplain	Harold Brooks	hbrooks@peachtreepres.org
Historian	Terry Manning	temanning@aol.com

Odds & Ends

A Little of This and a Little of That

- *The Lincoln Journal* of Lincolnton ran a 4-column, 51-inch story on January 28 about the commemoration ceremony co-sponsored by Atlanta Chapter that is scheduled for Friday, February 12, in Lincolnton, Georgia.
- In a **Straw Vote** at our January meeting of the Presidential contenders for the national office, we had the following interesting results: Undecided 10, Trump 7, Rubio 5, Cruz 2, Bush 2, Carson 1, Clinton 0, Sanders 0, Others 0.
- **Compatriot Eugene Wilson** has ordered a militia outfit in order to serve the **Atlanta Chapter Color Guard** and to honor his patriot ancestors. Look for him in his new outfit in March!

Membership Activity

Contact **Registrar David Noble** to assist your friends and relatives with new membership (danoble10@att.net). Contact **Henry Cobb** to assist you with supplemental applications to recognize your second, third, and additional patriot ancestors (whc2gt@yahoo.com).

Jeffrey Hill Cullerton has transferred his membership from the **Tennessee Society** to the **Atlanta Chapter**. His Patriot ancestor was **John Tipton**. Welcome new member **Compatriot John Dunklin Henry, Jr.**, of Marietta! **Dr. Douglass French Covey** has submitted his application to the **Atlanta Chapter**. He is **Vice President of Student Affairs for Georgia State University**.

***YE ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE OF
ELIJAH CLARKE AND THE
HEROES OF THE HORNET'S NEST***



***Moving in 2016 from Sunday to Friday!!!
Noon to 2:30 p.m., February 12, 2016***

***Elijah Clark State Park
2959 McCormick Highway
East of Downtown Lincolnton, GA***

This year kick off your Kettle Creek Weekend Celebration with a free chili chow-down luncheon and dessert buffet followed at 2:00 with a memorial wreath presentation and musket salute to honor Georgia's patriot leader Elijah Clark and other militia "Heroes of the Hornet's Nest." Noted historian Christine Swager will be the guest speaker and regional color guard and militia units will combine to bring pomp and circumstance to the occasion. Indoor facilities are available in the event of inclement weather.

Special discounts of \$105 a night (plus tax) will be offered for 2-night cabin rentals at the park on this weekend.

Sponsored by the Elijah Clark State Park; Friends of the Elijah Clark Park; Lincoln County Historical Society; Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce; Farmer's State Bank; William Few & Atlanta Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution; and the Stephen Heard & Elijah Clarke Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Those who want to present a wreath on behalf of DAR or a Patriot ancestor but don't want to haul one around can participate in our Penny Wreath Program! For questions about wreath presentations contact: canewcomer@att.net

Atlanta Fellows

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Join our **Atlanta Fellows** whose donations help support our extended outreach programs which have been recognized by the Georgia Society SAR as best in Georgia in 2013 and 2014.

Stuart Brady
Philip Clinkscales III
John Coning
Ed Conley
James Hankins
Joseph Hankins
Pat Hankins
Ann Hays
Bill Hays
Don Kenagy
Charles Lord
Bruce Maney
Charlie Maney
Ginny Manning
Terry Manning
Richard Marsh



Ted McMullan
Lowrey McNeel
Joe Meyer
Alice Noble
David Noble
James Noble
Ray Patton
Joyce Patton
Loy Reddick
Ed Rigel, Sr.
Joan Rigel
Stephen Schroeder
Penn Templeman
Bruce Wanamaker
Eugene Wilson

The Atlanta Fellows are members, spouses, businesses, and other organizations that support unbudgeted projects of the Atlanta Chapter with a \$200 donation. Such donations have supported our Sacred Soils Displays, Bushnell Monument dedication, VA Hospital portico project, Color Guard, and Flag Receptacle program and funded our Chapter Banner and SAR Table Cover. Donations toward chapter sponsored events such as Wreaths Across America also credit toward the Atlanta Fellow program.

Education Outreach

Chapter Hosts Historic Programming in February

The **Atlanta Chapter** will present the following adult education outreach lectures in February.

- February 17 – “Platting Metes & Bounds” – **Genealogy Study Group** in Lawrenceville at 10:00 a.m. Public welcome. Contact Terry Manning for details.
- February 25 – “Martha Washington” – **Colonial Dames**.
- February 27 – “The Four Voyages of Christopher Columbus” – **Stephen Heard Chapter NSDAR** in Tignall at 10:00 a.m.

A recent youth outreach program was provided to the **W.C. Cooper Elementary School** near Snellville with a presentation of the **Traveling Trunk** to two fourth grade classes by **Compatriot Terry Manning** and attended by **Compatriot Jim Lee** whose granddaughter **Rachel** is a student in the fourth grade. The remaining five fourth grade classes have requested the program to be presented in early February at a date to be determined.

The registration form for our annual February **George Washington Birthday Celebration and Annual Meeting** to be held on **Saturday, February 20, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.** will be emailed again by separate message.

Attendees should note that **valet parking** is provided at the **Cherokee Town** facility at no cost and tipping is not allowed. Use of the valet is encouraged to facilitate most effective use of the parking facilities.

Veteran Respect

Atlanta Chapter Pitches in for Overseas Marines

In a call for support to the deployed **1st Battalion 7th Marines, Baker Company**, the **Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter NSDAR** once again rallied a variety of community organizations to send care packages overseas. **Regent Paula Nelson** and husband **Carl** recently attended our January meeting. These pictures tell the story of the tables of snacks, clothing, and comfort items that were donated from the community to create 220 boxes weighing 3,100 pounds to brighten the day of our local Marines now stationed in the Mideast. In addition to **DAR** were **SAR, C.A.R., Roswell Rotary Club, Boy Scouts**, and others. There were so many volunteers there to help with the project that by 9:30 all the work was completed! **Lisa Tobin** is the energetic **Project Patriot Committee Chairman** of the event from **DAR** who has the work party concept down to an art form.

Pictured to the left are **Compatriot Bill Gurley's** grandchildren **Amelia Eberle** and **Liam Gurley**. **Liam** is a Compatriot of the Atlanta Chapter as well as a Scout! **President Manning** is shown to the right sorting food items. Donations to the project through the **Atlanta Chapter** in addition to those by the Gurley and Manning families were cash donations from the **Jay Mitchell family** and paperback books donated by **Compatriot Ben Statham** and wife **Linda** through the **Friends of the Alpharetta Library**.

